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SETTING UP OF SMALL HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any small hydro power projects during 2005-06 to be run by the Army Corporate Houses and village panchayats;

(b) if so, the details and main objectives thereof;

(c) whether some of these projects have been closed down;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government is formulating any scheme for installation of such projects under the public-private partnership; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) A component under the reconstruction plan for Jammu & Kashmir announced by the Prime Minister in November 2004 provides for setting up 1000 micro-hydro projects throughout the state for increased electricity access. The implementation of these projects, which started in 2005-06, is being done through the Army who have reported that 967 projects have been completed so far of which 893 have been handed over to the village community/state administration. At some project sites, teething problems have been reported, which are being looked into.

(e)&(f):The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy supports the deployment of small hydro projects, i.e., upto 25 MW station capacity for which it provides central financial assistance.